

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1812

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF RELIEF COMMISSIONERS OF STATES IN DELHI

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners of States/UTs was held on May 31, 2001 at New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the objects of holding of such conference; and
- (c) the details of outcomes/suggestions/resolutions passed in the said conference?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): The Conference of Relief Commissioners was held on 30th May, 2001 at New Delhi with the main objective of taking stock of the arrangements made on the onset of South-West Monsoon, 2001. The Conference was also intended to expose the Relief Commissioners to latest developments in the field of disaster management through presentations by organisations like the India Meteorological Department, Central Water Commission and United Nations Development Programme. Some of the Relief Commissioners of States, recently affected by various natural calamities also made detailed presentations about their experience on management of such calamities. The deliberations resulted in far better appreciation of the issues in disaster management and led to deeper insights in the causes and remedies for major calamities.